



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Peter ERDMANN *et al.* Confirmation No.: 7310
Application No.: 09/450,217 Group Art Unit: 1653
Filed: November 29, 1999 Examiner: David Lukton
For: PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF LACTIC RAW MATERIAL Attorney Docket No.: 88265-296

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the file of this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this document.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for extension of time for THREE months to and including April 2, 2004, with the requisite fee authorization.

No fees are believed due for the claim amendments made herein. Should any fees be required, however, please charge them to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.